

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A digital audio system comprising:
~~means for reproducing a reproduction unit to reproduce~~ digital audio signals from a signal source controlled by a control device,
~~wherein characterized in that~~ the control device is provided with a manually operable input arrangement which is movable in two directions such that movement in a first direction causes the reproduction of a portion of the signals to be ~~emitted~~ skipped and movement in a second direction causes the reproduction of a portion of the signals to be repeated, and
when the manually operable input arrangement is moved in the first direction the portion of signals is periodically skipped with the size of the portion skipped depending on rate of movement.
2. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein in which~~ the manually operable input means is movable in forward and reverse directions to control the reproduction of the audio signals.
3. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2 in which the movement of the manually operable input arrangement causes the omission of a periodic portion of the signal, with the size of the portion depending on the rate of movement~~ wherein the audio signals are digitally encoded and divided into consecutive blocks, and the portion is a whole number of consecutive blocks.

4. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 3 wherein, ~~in which~~ if the rate of movement in the first direction exceeds a predetermined threshold, a complete section of audio signal is ~~omitted~~ skipped.

5. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, in which wherein the amount of movement of the manually operable input arrangement determines the size of the portion of the audio signal to be repeated or ~~omitted~~ skipped.

6. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein in which consecutive reproduction of the audio signals recommences when any movement of the manually operable input arrangement has ceased, from a point determined by the amount of movement of the manually operable input arrangement.

7. (Currently amended) A digital audio system as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein in which the signal source is a removable digital memory device.

8. (Currently amended) A digital audio system as claimed in ~~any of claims claim 1 to 6 in which~~, wherein the signal source is a broadcast signal, further comprising a buffer memory for storing a portion of the most recently broadcast signals.